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SUBJECT: LIBYAN NAVY VESSELS IN MALTA

1. LOCAL PRESS JUNE 15 REPORTS TWO LIBYAN PATROL CRAFT ARRIVAL IN GRAND HARBOR DAY BEFORE. VESSELS NAMED " RAID" AND " TAREQ". ARTICLE SAYS THIRD PATROL CRAFT, " AKRAMA", SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED BUT NOW EXPECTED COME IN DURING WEEKEND. LIBYAN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN QUOTED AS SAYING THAT VESSELS ARE HERE FOR MAINTENANCE VISIT AT MALTA DRYDOCKS.

2. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER YESTERDAY TOLD US THAT ARRIVAL LIBYAN VESSELS TOTALLY UNEXPECTED BY MALTESE, WHO WERE SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED TO HAVE TO ASK BRITISH FOR PERMISSION TO USE ROYAL NAVY MOORINGS. HIGH COMMISSIONER ALSO SAID IT APPEARED ONE VESSEL WAS " SUB CHASER" TYPE AND HE UNDERSTOOD LIBYANS DID NOT POSSESS SUCH VESSELS. HE WONDERED IF SHIP COULD BE IN FACT EGYPTIAN.

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3. DEFENSE ATTACHE WILL FOLLOW UP THIS POINT ON HIS
RETURN FROM LEAVE THIS WEEKEND. GETZ

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